

# GERMAN DRIVE NEAR RHEIMS IS LAUNCHED

Berlin Announces Advance of  
Two-Thirds of Mile on  
1,400-Yard Front.

## GOOSE HILL IMPERILED

BERLIN, March 11.—By an unexpected attack against French lines in the vicinity of Rheims, the Germans have penetrated French positions to a depth of nearly two-thirds of a mile on a 1,400-yard front, the war office announces.

The gain was made southwest of the Villeaux woods. In this engagement, 737 French prisoners, five machine guns, and thirteen mine-throwers were captured, it was officially stated.

## CLEAR FORESTS.

West of the Meuse, the war office reported, French troops have been cleared from the Corbeaux and Cumières woods, and French positions around Goose Hill are now in peril. French counter-attacks broke down, the war office stated.

## Violent Attack Upon Fort Vaux Is Repeated

PARIS, March 11.—The Germans have launched another violent attack against the village of Vaux and Fort de Vaux, the war office announced this afternoon. All attacks on the fort have been repulsed, but the Germans have captured a few houses in Vaux village. Heavy fighting is also occurring on the west bank of the Meuse, near the eastern border of Corbeaux woods. The French by a counter-attack, drove the Germans out of communicating trenches they had occupied.

"After a most violent bombardment the Germans launched a heavy infantry attack between Tonnay and Herlyval-Bac," said the official statement. "The attack was repulsed."

"West of the Meuse, by a successful counter-attack we drove the Germans from the communication trenches they had occupied southeast of Bethincourt."

"East of the Meuse, the Germans made desperate efforts all night to capture the village of Vaux and Fort de Vaux. German infantry captured a few houses east of the church, but were everywhere else repulsed."

"In the Woevre district, the cannonade is continuing between the railway station at Eix and Fort Moulainville."

"In Lorraine, we damaged German works near Limmermühl."

# Committee Supports Punitive Expedition

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs is practically unanimous in its support of the Administration's action in sending troops across the Mexican border.

At the suggestion of the President, Chairman Flood acquainted the members of the committee with the situation yesterday afternoon. The committee was called together at 5 o'clock, and after a brief session adjourned without taking action. In fact, the Administration suggested that no action at the Capitol is needed at this time, although Mr. Flood said the President wanted to keep Congress informed of conditions and developments.

There was no severe committee criticism of the course of the Administration in pursuing Villa and his bandits across the border.

Congressman Cooper, ranking Republican of the committee, expressed doubt as to whether Villa's activities constituted "an invasion of American territory or a raid by bandits who are connected with no responsible government."

Congressman Porter, another minority member of the committee, suggested that the President should have communicated with Congress before sending troops across the border.

The point United States Senator Elkins made the inviolability of national territory and the questionable right of the United States to enter Mexico because of a "raid of bandits." There is grave doubt, according to Mr. Cooper, that the so-called invasion of Villa is really an invasion in the eyes of international law.

## Sought Information.

The meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee followed a brief debate in the House yesterday afternoon on the Mexican situation. Congressman Miller of Minnesota sought information from border State members as to conditions on the border, and Congressman Hayden of Texas started the discussion.

"It is impossible at this time to get definite information as to the number that were in this band of murderers who came to Columbus, New Mexico," said Mr. Hayden. "Conditions in Mexico are peculiar. Loyalty fluctuates and goes from one side to another, and whether they be Carranza thieves and murderers or Villa thieves and murderers it makes no difference."

"Most of these people down there dislike the people of the United States, and their dislike is such that these ignorant Indians will sometimes stop cutting each other's throats for the more delectable pastime of cutting American throats. It makes no difference whose uniform they wear."

"How long should we offer ourselves up to their holiday?" asked Mr. Miller. "I think we have already granted a needless extension of time," responded Mr. Hayden, and the House applauded.

Congressman Hernandez of New Mexico said his constituents had about reached the end of their patience. He agreed with Congressman Smith of Texas that the time had come for drastic action by this Government. Mr.

## Whole Mexican Nation Will Rise, He Asserts

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 11.—That almost the entire Mexican nation will rise against the invading American forces was the opinion expressed here today by Capt. Isador Farias, one of the wounded prisoners taken in the Villista raid Thursday.

"The American invasion will make Villa the national Mexican hero," said Farias. "Villa and his men probably will retire before the American soldiers for a time."

"But when the interior is reached, the Villa forces will be strengthened a hundred-fold by Mexicans who resent the invasion."

# FUNSTON CALLED "THE LUCKY DOG"

Swivel-Chair Officers Declare  
He's Always on Job When  
Something Happens.

MAJ. GEN. Frederick Funston, who is personally leading American soldiers into Mexico, is called "the lucky dog of the service."

Funston seems to be always "where the hell pops," as several envious swivel-chair officers put it today.

Funston was on the scene and the one chosen to take Aguinaldo in the Philippines. Funston was on the job at San Francisco when earthquake and fire visited the coast some years ago; his work there will be vouched for any time in the day or night by any San Franciscan.

Funston was the "one elected" when President Wilson ordered Vera Cruz taken. And now he's "elected again," when Villa is to be captured.

In the capture of Aguinaldo, Funston displayed qualities which peculiarly fit him for this latest war. That capture was perhaps the most spectacular incident in his career.

After weeks of unsuccessful effort to run down Aguinaldo, Funston conceived a plan which met with favor. On March 6, 1901, he left Manila on the gunboat Vicksburg with two lieutenants, two captains, three ex-insurgent officers and eighty Macabebe scouts for Casuarina Bay, which he reached at 1 o'clock on the morning of March 15.

The party marched ninety miles over rough mountain trails to the little town of Palanan, Aguinaldo's headquarters, which they reached eight days later.

Thinking the scouts were insurgent reinforcements, Aguinaldo's forces received them, only to be attacked after Aguinaldo's quarters were surrounded. Funston himself took Aguinaldo single-handed.

Among Aguinaldo's officers, curiously enough was one named Villa.

Not a member of Funston's little force was even wounded.

# PASSING OF DAVIS REMOVES AN OLD SCHOOL DEMOCRAT

Former West Virginia Senator  
Will Be Buried in Town He  
Established.

## LONG IN POLITICAL SERVICE

Funeral services for Henry Cassaway Davis, who died early today, will be held at the residence of Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, 1527 K street northwest at 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

The Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, rector of the Church of the Covenant, of which Mr. Davis was a member, will officiate. Monday night the body of the distinguished legislator, capitalist and publicist will be taken to Elkins, W. Va., a town founded by Mr. Davis, for interment on Wednesday.

It is understood the body will lie in state in Elkins, where Mr. Davis had many friends and acquaintances there to pay honor to his memory.

Former Senator Davis was the Vice Presidential candidate on the Democratic ticket in 1904, was ninety-three years old.

The direct cause of his death was a severe attack of grippe, with which he was stricken several weeks ago. Owing to his advanced years he gradually grew weaker. Death occurred at 1:30 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Elkins and Mrs. Arthur Lee, his other daughter, were present at his father's bedside when he died.

Senator Davis' death marks the passing of another of the old school Democrats. Jefferson was his mentor in his long years of political activity and service. His utterances were those of the statesman who held forth during the early days of the Republic.

## Long Political Service.

One of the most widely known men in Washington, owing to his long political residence here, he could be seen frequently stopping in the street to hobnob with persons of more humble state.

He was unusually active for his years and possessed a vigor of mind not boasted by many of his advanced years. He remembered casual acquaintances of his days in the Senate, and always expressed an interest in discussions of the politics of the past and their bearing on the present.

## Ante-Bellum Politics.

It was shortly after the civil war that the distinguished West Virginian's active political career started. He was first elected member of the house of delegates of his State and later became a State senator.

He had come from his native city Baltimore with only a meager public school education. He saved his money, and became a merchant, then a coal land operator, his ventures in this field prospering in such a manner that in a short time his lands were of fabulous value.

Then he entered the field of railroad building. He sold two of the lines he constructed, the West Virginia Central and the Pittsburgh railway, to the Wabash in 1902. He was also the principal owner of the Coal and Coke railway of West Virginia.

He entered the United States Senate as the first Democratic representative of West Virginia to that body, in 1871. He served two terms.

## Cause of the Farmer.

While he did not introduce the bill which created the Department of Agriculture, he might justly be called the father of the movement which resulted in the establishment of that department.

Throughout his Senatorial career, he pleaded the cause of the farmer and urged an institution of the same scope as the present agricultural department. His own bills for this department failed in passing, but he finally saw his dream realized.

Senator Davis led the West Virginia delegation to Presidential conventions on seven occasions. A year after he had retired voluntarily from the Senate he was urged to become candidate for Vice President on the ticket with Grover Cleveland. He declined, when he was eighty-one years old, however, he accepted the nomination as the running mate of Alton B. Parker.

## Built Two Towns.

West Virginia's upbuilding in a large measure is due to the enterprise of Senator Davis. He built two towns, one of which, Davis, bears his own name, and the other, Elkins, that of his son-in-law.

Besides his daughters, Mrs. Elkins and Mrs. Arthur Lee of this city, Senator Davis is survived by a son, John T. Davis, of Elkins, and by a number of grandchildren, among whom are former United States Senator Davis Elkins, who succeeded his father in the Senate, and Mrs. William Hitt, formerly Miss Katherine Elkins.

## Home Club Guards To Organize Tonight

Organization of a Home Club military organization is expected tonight. While being sponsored by the Home Club Target Association, the new organization will be limited to the Target Association membership. The new organization is to be known as the Home Club Guards.

## P. H. Willis to Speak.

Prof. Parker H. Willis, secretary of the Federal Reserve Board, is to address the post-graduate class of the local chapter of the American Institute of Banking, Monday evening, in their chapter rooms, 224 F street northwest. His topic will be "Banking Problems of 1916."

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# BANDIT IS BELIEVED WAITING FOR TRAIN

Further Slaughter of Americans  
Along Border Feared for  
Today.

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local head of the Mormon church to the colonists to leave for the border immediately.

At the same time Carranza officials at Chihuahua City, in response to urgent appeals, ordered 2,000 troops from Chihuahua to act as an escort for the refugees.

On ten trains the troops left there Friday afternoon. They must come northward to Juarez on the National Lines of Mexico, however, and then turn southward on the Mexico and Northwestern, along which the Mormons are traveling.

El Paso, March 11.—Carranzista troops apparently are preparing to attack the American soldiers in the bandit hunt today. Presumably on orders of the de facto government, General Calles at Agua Prieta redistributed his force, sending 1,200 to Palomas, six miles south of Columbus, and bringing 1,500 from Hermosillo to Agua Prieta.

One hundred Carranzista troops are reported to have entered Chihuahua in an attempt to locate Villi. Calles was in touch with the American army officials at Douglas, and earnestly requested the privilege of dealing out summary justice to Villa apes, believed to be watching the American forces.

American and Mexican army officials alike concede there is no possible chance of the Carranzistas intercepting Villa.

Villa, who publicly announced he

would annihilate the entire trainload of Mormons if he intercepted them, was last reported at La Ascension, thirty-six miles northwest of Guzman. Advances to General Cayera, Carranza commander in Juarez early today, stated that Villa had only 300 men with him at La Ascension, but his total force in Chihuahua state is known to number nearly 4,000.

General Bertani, in command of a Carranzista column, is reported fifty miles west of Villa, but it is conceded he has no chance to overtake the bandit leader. Prepared for the American pursuit, Villa has a supply of fresh horses.

Brig. Gen. J. J. Pershing, at Fort Bliss here, and Col. H. J. Slocum, in command at Columbus, expect to receive marching orders today.

Troopers, privates, and non-commissioned officers of the Fourth United States Cavalry and Twentieth United States Infantry crowded the telegraph offices in El Paso today, sending money and long farewell messages to relatives and friends.

The American troops expressed themselves pleased at the prospect of some action after years of routine border patrol duty. The men appear to be in fine condition for a campaign.

Of more interest than the heavy shipment of ammunition ordered in anticipation of an advance into Mexico, was a race in progress today to cut off a large shipment of several hundred thousand rounds loaded on wagons by Villa agents here last night and moved westward along the border.

Munitions Still Moving.

Brig. Gen. Pershing sent a detachment in pursuit of the Mexican wagons but they had not been overtaken early today. The ammunition had been cached by Villa near Chihuahua, a Mexican settlement on the American side of the Rio Grande.

If a Villista force comes to the boundary line to get the ammunition, army officials admitted a clash with the Americans would proceed simultaneously. Police were rounding up every former Villa officer and known Villa sympathizer in El Paso today. Gen. Manuel Benda was among the first taken into custody, and technically charged with vagrancy. A dozen other ex-Villistas of

large rank were caught in the drag-net before daylight.

The authorities took every precaution against a possible outbreak by the 25,000 Mexicans in El Paso. No disorder was apparent in the Mexican quarter over the news of the coming American invasion of Mexico. Americans likewise were outwardly calm. Street car service to Juarez was discontinued last night but the relations between the two cities continued otherwise normal.

Spends Restless Night.

Columbus, N. Mex., with all women and children taken to places of safety in other cities, spent a restless night. Warning of the American plans against him is believed to have reached Villa, reports that he was coming to re-attack Columbus having proved unfounded.

Army officials deplored the wide publicity given the Government's plans, predicting Villa being taken by surprise. In any circles along the border all talk was of the coming chase after Villa. No one knew positively when the invasion would begin. It was generally believed that the main movement of troops across the border might not begin before Monday.

Brigadier General Pershing stated he had not received any information from his superior officers up to daylight. He said all communication regarding the movement against the bandits was between the War Department and General Funston at San Antonio direct.

Officers in Pershing's command admitted, however, they believed the invasion would proceed simultaneously from El Paso, Columbus, Douglas, Eagle Pass, Laredo and perhaps Brownsville with the purpose of making a clean sweep of all the bandits.

Kit Carson Post Sends  
Resolution of Thanks

The members of Kit Carson Post, No. 2, G. A. R., have forwarded to Senator Swanwick of Virginia and Congressman Fred C. Talbot, of Maryland, resolutions of thanks, expressing the post's appreciation of the efforts of the Congressmen to secure the passage of a bill allowing thirty days annual leave to employees of the Navy Yard.

## Civil War Veteran Is Found Dead in Hotel

Capt. William E. Cummins, seventy-five years old, of Corvina, Mich., was found dead in a bathroom of the Harris Hotel yesterday afternoon. Coroner Nevitt issued a certificate of death from natural causes.

Captain Cummins, during the civil war commanded Company I of the Tenth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Cavalry. In 1866 he was appointed postmaster of Corvina.

Relatives in Viola, Oreg., have been notified of his death.



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